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SUBJECT: FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS SOLD IN USSR

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1. SOYUZPECHAT DEPUTY DIRECTOR EVGENIY PROKOFIEV HAS FOR MORE THAN A WEEK BEEN UNAVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENT WITH P&C COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS ANNOUNCED DISTRIBUTION OF WESTERN PRINT MEDIA IN USSR.

2. VLADIMIR YAROVY, EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF NOVOSTI, TOLD COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 13 THAT FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL KIOSKS IN THE MAJOR CITIES, PROBABLY AT FIRST ONLY IN THE LARGER HOTELS, BUT HE COULD NOT SAY WHEN. THERE ARE OBVIOUS PROBLEMS IN STARTING THE PRACTICE AT ALL, ACCORDING TO YAROVY, AND HE CITED
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THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE INTERNATIONAL EDITION OF NEWSWEEK, WITH ITS COVER CARICATURE OF BREZHNEV.

SINCE SUCH AN ISSUE COULD NOT BE DISTRIBUTED,
THERE WOULD BE MUCH NEGATIVE PUBLICITY. IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF THE "IN PRINCIPLE" DECISION TO BEGIN DISTRI-
BUTION OF WESTERN PRINT MEDIA IN THE SOVIET UNION MAY
BE DELAYED FOR SOME TIME, YAROVYOY IMPLIED.
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